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NORTH WILKESBORO probably was the subject of this conversation. Dr. W. R. Wagoner, right, general superintendent of the Children's Homes, is a former pastor at First Church, North Wilkesboro, where R. F. Smith, left, now serves. This was Mr. Smith's first meeting as a board member.



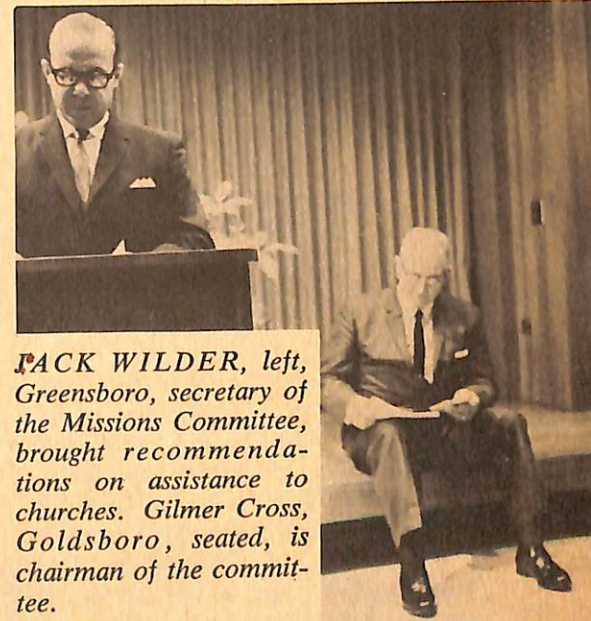
PART OF the executive committee is shown in this picture. Front row, left to right, are Mack M. Goss, Hendersonville, second vice-president of the convention; Dr. Lois Edinger, Greensboro; William Snyder, Asheville; Troy Hamrick, Winston-Salem; A. B. Bumgarner, Spindale; and John E. Lawrence, Raleigh. Second row, left to right, are John Davis, Murfreesboro; E. J. Prevatte, Southport; Aubrey S. Tomlinson, Louisburg; Harold Killian, Brevard; and Dr. E. W. Price, Jr., High Point. Several ex-officio members, in addition to some elected members, were absent when this picture was taken at the close of the meeting.

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ALBERT AMBROSE, left, Drexel, is shown glancing over some material while seated with four other board members. Left to right, they are Richard Williams, Maiden; Harold Killian, Brevard; M. M. Johnson, Clinton; and Weldon Johnson, Buies Creek.

COMING OUT of the elevator are Hoyle Langford, board member from the New South River Association, and Ned Beatty, Jacksonville, director of Military Personnel Ministries.



JACK WILDER, left, Greensboro, secretary of the Missions Committee, brought recommendations on assistance to churches. Gilmer Cross, Goldsboro, seated, is chairman of the committee.

STUDENT WORK obviously was the subject of this discussion. Left to right are Mrs. Dwight Fickling, whose husband works with students at East Carolina College; Elbert Felton, state BSU president and student at East Carolina; Dr. William C. Smith, state secretary, Department of Student Work; and Chris Canipe, state vice-president of the BSU and student at Appalachian.





WILLIAM LAMB, left, director of the Five-Year Program of Spiritual Growth, closed the board meeting Tuesday at noon with an illustrated presentation. Ernest Upchurch, right, assisted Mr. Lamb with the illustrations which were prepared by John White, Gaston Association missionary.

HMB Plan Approved For Cherokee Child Care Work Expansion

The General Board approved an alternate plan proposed by the Homes Mission Board for expanding the child care ministry to Cherokee Indians which rules out participation in Federal Anti-Poverty funds.

At its October meeting the board had accepted a proposal approved by officials of the anti-poverty program to provide care for the approximately 300 children on the Cherokee Reservation from families whose income falls beneath the poverty level. A plan was worked out under which such funds would be administered for the benefit of the children involved by the tribal agency.

However, the Home Board declined to participate in a program involving the receipt of Federal funds. The Cherokee ministry is a joint enterprise of the State Convention and the Home Mission Board. The Board's substitute proposal included an offer of an additional \$20,000 from its budget for the operation of a child care program. The purpose of the gift is to enlarge the present program of day care to meet the needs of the entire community.

Working Mothers

Under the program day care will be made available for pre-school aged children (2-6) for working mothers. Funds appropriated will provide for additional workers as the ministry grows up to five. The appropriation also provides for the purchase of three carry-all vehicles to supply necessary transportation for the children. Each participating child will pay a fee based on the gross income of the parents. In extreme circumstances, which will be considered by the local day care committee upon recommendation of a home visitor to be added to the staff, scholarships will be available. Each family will pay a minimum of \$1 a week for each child.

Target date for the inauguration of the expanded ministry has been set for about five weeks, depending upon the securing of competent additional workers and delivery of the carry-alls. The program will be under the supervision of Larry Bryson, pastor at Cherokee and director of the Cherokee ministry.

College Aims, Objectives

Council Releases Statement

The Council on Christian Higher Education has published a significant study, which speaks to critical issues in a troubled period for Christian education, Ben C. Fisher, Council secretary, told the General Board Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Mr. Fisher made an introductory and explanatory statement about the Council study which, in effect, sets forth the position the seven colleges supported by the State Convention. Produced by the colleges, it reflects their understanding of their aims and objectives.

Of high importance, Mr. Fisher pointed out, are the theological pre-suppositions and commitments contained in the study. The impact which radical theologians are having on contemporary Protestantism is demanding some response from churches and schools. "Among other things, this study reaffirms the belief in a personal, living, loving God, who has created and who sustains this universe and who has revealed himself fully in the person and work of Jesus Christ," Mr. Fisher asserted. "We do not believe that God is dead and we must take serious issue with those who do."

Also of significance, Mr. Fisher said, is the fact that "the story represents, as far as we are able to determine, the first time that our Baptist colleges on their own initiative and using their own personnel have undertaken such a study. We believe the very fact that members of the faculty themselves made this study gives it an authentic ring that an outside group, how ever

competent, wouldn't find difficult to achieve."

The study also reaffirms the belief that a personal God has been and still is active in history and reaffirms the centrality of the Bible as God's instrument of revelation.

Mr. Fisher's report concluded with the following summary: "Finally, we sum up the three main places at which we take our stand: (1) That all truth is of God (2) That the proper relationship between the church and its colleges is a covenant relationship in which both the church and the college carry out a unique mission in the world. (3) We view the college as a Christian community in which three elements are always apparent — academic achievement, Christian growth, and social responsibility."

Academic achievement was described as a continual process in which there are two participants, professor and student, each continually growing in understanding of himself, the world, and his relationship to God. The report also stated that the dominant drive in Christian growth is the development of Christian character. Under social responsibility, it is stated that faith is a living process of interaction and relatedness which actively involves a student in his community and world.

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